



Point Nepean
Community Trust

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Point Nepean Community Trust Preparing the Quarantine Station for Use FACT SHEET



Special Projects



The Point Nepean Community Trust (PNCT) has managed the Quarantine Station/Norris Barracks since June 2004 on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. On 16 June 2006, the Commonwealth made two important announcements impacting on the site's future when it provided \$27 million in extra funding to the PNCT and added Point Nepean to the National Heritage List.

In its first full year of operation the PNCT, in collaboration with Parks Victoria, completed and draft integrated Management Plan (DMP) and future vision for the Point Nepean National Park and Quarantine Station. As the Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon. Ian Campbell has now added Point Nepean to the National Heritage List, it is anticipated that the draft plan will be released for public review in early July 2006. Economic modelling and preparation of a Master Plan will then proceed. The Master Plan will determine the future sustainable use of the Quarantine Station and serve as a framework for a range of special projects. These projects, which will require detailed heritage specifications, design options and feasibility studies and involve heritage specifications, community consultation and works approvals plus detailed discussions with Commonwealth, State and local authorities are summarised below.

Conservation and Heritage

A draft Quarantine Station Conservation Management Plan was compiled for review in association with the DMP and is also to be open for public consultation. A building audit was conducted and infrastructure works identified, which will make the site ready for community and educational use. With \$27 million in additional funding, the PNCT will proceed with further conservation of historic building and grounds, investigation of Boonwurrung and European cultural heritage, engagement of a heritage archivist and curator and development of archaeological and community heritage database,

Museum, Boonwurrung and Environment Cultural Heritage Complex

A Quarantine and Immigration, Marine and Maritime Museum Complex is proposed to incorporate buildings 58, 59, 61, 64, 84, 63, 80, 79, 62, 15 and 16. A Boonwurrung integrated Cultural Heritage Centre with educational, environmental and interpretative programs is proposed to be centred on building 60.

A site archive and library including a heritage database is proposed for buildings 18, 19 and 20.

Environment

The Trust has worked with the Commonwealth on its extensive obligations to identify, protect, conserve and present Commonwealth and National Heritage Values under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Works include on-going lawn and grounds maintenance, tree surgery to enhance the appearance and prolong the site's substantial heritage trees and reduce risk to Quarantine site users. A pest, plant and animal control program will be developed and undertaken, as will cliff and coastal management programs.

Boonwurrung People

An Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage report was conducted with findings suggesting extensive use of Point Nepean by Boonwurrung people. The Trust has collaborated with Greening Australia, the Boonwurrung Elders Land Council and educational groups to conduct three week-long Indigenous schools programs at the Quarantine Station in June, August and October 2006.

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The Trust will appoint an Indigenous cultural heritage officer to assist with Indigenous Heritage issues including the development of interpretative and educational projects.

Education and the Australian Maritimes College's (AMC) National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation

In February 2006, NCMCC courses commenced at the Rosebud Campus of the Chisholm Institute with a view to moving on site. While the AMC received \$9.7 million from the Commonwealth in operational funding for the NCMCC, significant works are required to prepare the site including building and infrastructure and grounds preparation. The AMC propose to locate in buildings 25, 26, 65 and 66. The National Centre also requires access to services including catering, accommodation and meeting areas, which may also be used by community groups and other educational entities.

Respite

The PNCT will receive a \$10 million philanthropic contribution for the establishment of respite facilities for the families of disadvantaged children. Research and planning has commenced in discussions with service providers and other bodies including the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Further clarification of the extent of services and facilities in consultation with the benefactor, the community and relevant approval bodies, will enable the PNCT to activate the philanthropic donation. Significant amounts of the donation will be retained for community access projects and the on-going provision of respite services and facilities.

Conference and Accommodation Complex

The Trust envisages that a third party or parties will manage Hospital buildings 1 and 2 and the first class dining facilities as a conference, dining and accommodation complex, following an EoI and tendering process, to identify potential operators.

A feasibility and financial model will be prepared for all projects prior to tendering or EoI for service providers. (See Forward Planning Fact Sheet)

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